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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please add the following claims:

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~~74.~~ The composition of claim 70, having an average number of branches per molecule ranging from 0.7 to 2.1.

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¹⁸75. The composition of claim ¹⁷74, having an average number of branches per molecule ranging from 1.3 to 2.1.

¹⁹76. The composition of claim ¹³70, wherein the average chain length ranges from 11 to 19.

²⁰77. A biodegradable branched primary alcohol composition having from 8 to 36 carbon atoms, an average number of branches of at least 0.7, and wherein from 5-25% of the branching is at the C₂ position relative to the hydroxyl carbon atom, and from 10% to 50% of the branches are located at the C₃ position.

²⁰78. The composition of claim ²⁰77, having a carbon number ranging from 11 to 19.

²¹79. The composition of claim ²¹78, having an average number of branches ranging from 0.7 to 2.1.

²²80. The composition of claim ²²79, having less than 0.5 atom % quaternary carbon atoms.

²⁴81. The composition of claim ²⁰77, wherein less than 5% of the alcohol molecules are linear.

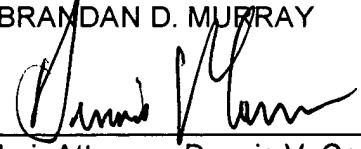
²⁵82. The composition of claim ²⁰77, comprising a sulfate of the composition.

²⁶83. The composition of claim ²⁰77, comprising an ethoxysulfate of the composition.

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